



MINUTES OF THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS
COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES, STATE OF CALIFORNIA

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Los Angeles, California 90012

Chief Administrative Officer

At its meeting held January 13, 2004, the Board took the following action:

S-1

Sheriff Leroy D. Baca made a verbal presentation on the recently held Gang Summit and reported on the newly created Gang Suppression Teams, as detailed in the attached report.

Captain Peter Amico, Safe Streets Bureau, Sheriff's Department, Warren Williams, and Tut Hayes addressed the Board

Supervisor Burke made the following statement:

"The Sheriff Department's staff has clearly identified the successes of the Community Problems Assessment and Suppression Teams. It has demonstrated that thorough and careful planning, together with highly trained deputies working on defined goals and the targeting of specified areas, can effectively reduce gang and other criminal activity.

"What has been found lacking, however, is the coordination of a Countywide anti-gang strategy and intelligence sharing among various law enforcement agencies on gang investigations, except that which occurs between individual investigators on specific cases. Impressive strides have taken place recently, such as the suppression team meetings coordinated by the Countywide Criminal Justice Coordination Committee through the Interagency Anti-gang Task Force, and the Sheriff's partnership with the Los Angeles Police Department on anti-gang efforts. However, a method and instrument needs to be developed and utilized for capturing Countywide gang activity and data.

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“The creation of a multijurisdictional street gang clearinghouse, known as L.A. Regional Gang Information Network (LARGIN) has been developed by officers from various police jurisdictions. LARGIN would provide daily updated intelligence data and statistical information to investigators, street tactical officers, and agency executives charged with addressing the gang problem.

“Local, County, State and Federal law enforcement personnel would benefit from the information contained in LARGIN, which would be centered on the existing CalGang system.

“The Sheriff’s Department is taking the lead to obtain one time start-up cost funding for LARGIN. They are making a coordinated effort to obtain funding from the City of Los Angeles, in addition to other local, State and Federal sources. One-time costs would include equipment such as computers, software modification, data conversion, mapping design, and other technical services. Ongoing operating costs will be provided by the user law enforcement departments on an in-kind basis. In addition, LARGIN has received a \$300,000 grant from the Police Chief Association to pay for the salaries of two analysts. The Sheriff Department’s staff estimates the total one time costs to be approximately \$354,000. I am proposing that the County fund half of this amount.”

After discussion, Supervisor Burke made a motion that the Board instruct the Chief Administrative Officer to take the following actions:

1. Determine whether the amount of \$177,000 is an allowable expense through the Local Law Enforcement Block Grant Funds, and if so, to allocate to LARGIN \$177,000 from this Fund, from unallocated interest and the balance to be allocated from each Board office’s discretionary portion of the LLEBG Funds; and
2. Identify other potential funding sources if it is determined that it is not an allowable expenditure from the LLEBG Funds, and return to the Board within 30 days with recommendations.

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Supervisor Molina made a suggestion that Supervisor Burke's motion be amended to request the Sheriff to provide a written report to the Board on what the multijurisdictional street gang clearinghouse, known as L.A. Regional Gang Information Network (LARGIN) does, and how it will be utilized. Supervisor Burke accepted Supervisor Molina's amendment.

Supervisor Burke's motion, as amended, seconded by Supervisor Knabe, was unanimously carried.

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Attachment

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**Community Problems
Assessment and
Suppression Team**

**Community
Oriented Policing
Team**



Monthly Administrative Report
November 10 through December 13, 2003

Approved by:
Cecil W. Rhambo Jr., Captain

Prepared by:
Joe A. Gonzales, Lieutenant

INTRODUCTION

This is the first monthly report for the Community Problems Assessment and Suppression Team (CPAST). The report contains the arrest statistics and a summary of information for the Unincorporated County areas of Los Angeles addressed by the Community Problems Assessment and Suppression Team.

On November 10, 2003 Captain Cecil Rhambo and his hand selected supervisory staff; Lieutenant Joe Gonzales, Sergeants Chris Nee, Tressa Gunnels, Eli Vera, Sean Burke, and Vincent Plair, selected forty deputies from an applicant list of over 140 deputies. The following week, the teams participated in several areas of training that included California Gangs (database) training, Gang refresher courses, tactical entry and street contact training, and tactical weapons training.

On November 23, 2003, the teams deployed in the following County areas of Los Angeles; East Los Angeles, East and West Rancho Dominguez (Compton), Lennox, Willowbrook and Florence/Firestone (Century), and the roving team selected the Antelope Valley. The teams focused on those areas where gang activity was highest, which included but was not limited to; gang shootings, gang murders, narcotics sales, robberies, loitering, vandalism, etc.

The CPAST teams worked on those days opposite of the Sheriff's Safe Streets Bureau Gang Enforcement Teams (GET), to provide 7 day deployment coverage. Additionally, each team sergeant is tasked with communicating with each station's respective Gang Sergeant(s) to ensure clear lines of communication, select target locations and areas, and/or specific gang members.

Based upon the statistics contained in the first month of deployment, it appears that the efforts of the teams have led to a lowering of crime in the targeted areas and removed a significant number of problematic gang members and associates from the streets of unincorporated Los Angeles County.

Cecil W. Rhambo, Jr., Captain
Operations Bureau

STATISTICS

COMMUNITY PROBLEMS ASSESSMENT AND SUPPRESSION TEAM

TEAM TOTALS

	Week of Nov. 23 - Nov. 29	Week of Nov. 30 - Dec 06	Week of Dec. 07 - Dec. 13	Totals
Felonies	39	80	60	179
Misdemeanors	71	142	103	316
Weapons Laws	5	9	6	20
Citations	58	182	63	303
Field Interview Reports	164	177	78	419

STATISTICS

Century Station - Sergeant Sean Burke

	Week of Nov. 23 - Nov. 29	Week of Nov. 30 - Dec 06	Week of Dec. 07 - Dec. 13	Totals
Felonies	3	9	12	24
Misdemeanors	15	38	27	80
Weapons Laws	3	1	0	4
Citations	19	68	32	119
Field Interview Reports	44	63	30	137

CPAST TEAMS

COMMUNITY PROBLEMS ASSESSMENT AND SUPPRESSION TEAM

Highlights for November 23, 2003 to December 31, 2003

Century Team

- The Century Team focused their attention on gang violence, weapons laws and narcotics sales. They contacted numerous residents in the unincorporated area of Willowbrook and received information regarding gang members from Carver Park Crip's, selling of narcotics to school children. This resulted in \$150,000.00 worth of marijuana being seized. This diminished this gangs ability to further their criminal activity.
- Deputies Garrick Twedt and Dean Camarillo arrested two suspect's belonging to Florencia-13 gang, for possession for sales of two kilo's of marijuana.
- Assisted Carson Station, Operations Safe Streets in serving a search warrant and that resulted in the seizure of over twenty weapons. The gangs involved in this operation were, Westside Piru, Campanella Park Piru and Centerview Piru. This operation will devastate these gangs ability to harm resident

STATISTICS

Compton Station - Sergeant Chris Nee

	Week of Nov. 23 - Nov. 29	Week of Nov. 30 - Dec 06	Week of Dec. 07 - Dec. 13	Totals
Felonies	4	21	10	35
Misdemeanors	8	23	20	51
Weapons Laws	1	1	2	4
Citations	4	18	10	32
Field Interview Reports	5	13	10	28

CPAST TEAMS

COMMUNITY PROBLEMS ASSESSMENT AND SUPPRESSION TEAM

Highlights for November 23, 2003 to December 31, 2003

Compton Team

- In order to reduce gang activity and impact the rising crime rate, they gathered crime data and information from several sources including the station crime analyst, Detective Bureau and gang investigators from Operation Safe Streets. With this information in hand, they focused their efforts in the unincorporated areas of East Rancho Dominguez.
- They conducted a surveillance of a known gang apartment complex in the East Rancho Dominguez area for narcotic sales. After observing several hand to hand sales of narcotics, the team wrote a search warrant and made several arrests and recovered one handgun and a large quantity of rock cocaine. The suspects belonged to the gang known as, "Duckyhood Crip's."
- Compton Team Deputies Michael Maher and Ronald Digiovanna arrested two suspect's for car jacking, kidnaping, and aggravated assault. The victim in this case was five months pregnant and she is the wife of a Los Angeles Police Department Officer, who is assigned to Southeast Division.

STATISTICS

East Los Angeles Station - Sergeant Tressa Gunnels

	Week of Nov. 23 - Nov. 29	Week of Nov. 30 - Dec. 06	Week of Dec. 07 - Dec. 13	Totals
Felonies	14	20	16	50
Misdemeanors	13	28	15	61
Weapons Laws	1	1	0	2
Citations	7	28	0	35
Field Interview Reports	64	44	15	123

CPAST TEAMS

COMMUNITY PROBLEMS ASSESSMENT AND SUPPRESSION TEAM

Highlights for November 23, 2003 to December 31, 2003

East Los Angeles Team

- During their deployment, several gang member's were identified and several arrests were made. The gang's involved were members of the Lott, Marianna Maravilla, Stoner's 13, and Ford Maravilla.
- In a five week period the team made ninety-four felony arrests, one hundred and thirteen misdemeanor's, and eight for weapons laws. During their deployment there were no murder's in the unincorporated county area.
- Assisted East Los Angeles Station, Operations Safe Streets, in a search warrant operation. This resulted in several gang member's from the, "Lott" gang being arrested and several weapons being seized.

STATISTICS

Lennox Station - Sergeant Elizer Vera

	Week of Nov. 23 - Nov. 29	Week of Nov. 30 - Dec 06	Week of Dec. 07 - Dec. 13	Totals
Felonies	12	13	7	32
Misdemeanors	3	14	11	28
Weapons Laws	0	6	0	6
Citations	9	6	8	23
Field Interview Reports	23	23	16	62

CPAST TEAMS

COMMUNITY PROBLEMS ASSESSMENT AND SUPPRESSION TEAM

Highlights for November 23, 2003 to December 31, 2003

Lennox Team

- While assigned to the Lennox Station area, they conducted surveillance of known gang residences, gathered criminal information and made numerous arrests. The gangs involved in these arrests were from, Hoover Crips, Raymond Avenue Crips, Shotgun Crips, Inglewood 13, and Lennox 13.
- During a traffic stop they arrested a known drug trafficker for narcotic sales and recovered approximately \$20,000.00 dollars in United States currency.
- This team conducted a surveillance of a known gang apartment complex in the unincorporated area of Lennox Station. They observed numerous hand to hand drug transactions and wrote a search warrant. This resulted in one handgun and a large amount of marijuana being recovered. The suspect arrested in this operation is an associate of 118 East Coast Crips.

STATISTICS

County-Wide Team - Sergeant Vince Plair

	Lancaster Nov. 23 - Nov. 29	Altadena Nov. 30 - Dec. 06	Temple Dec. 07 - Dec. 13	Totals
Felonies	2	4	7	13
Misdemeanors	10	9	13	32
Weapons Laws	0	0	2	2
Citations	6	13	5	24
Field Interview Reports	12	11	2	25

County-Wide Team - Sergeant Vince Plair

	Palmdale Nov. 23 - Nov. 29	Century Nov. 30 - Dec. 06	Norwalk Dec. 07 - Dec. 13	Totals
Felonies	4	13	8	25
Misdemeanors	17	30	17	64
Weapons Laws	0	0	2	2
Citations	13	49	8	70
Field Interview Reports	16	23	5	44

CPAST TEAMS

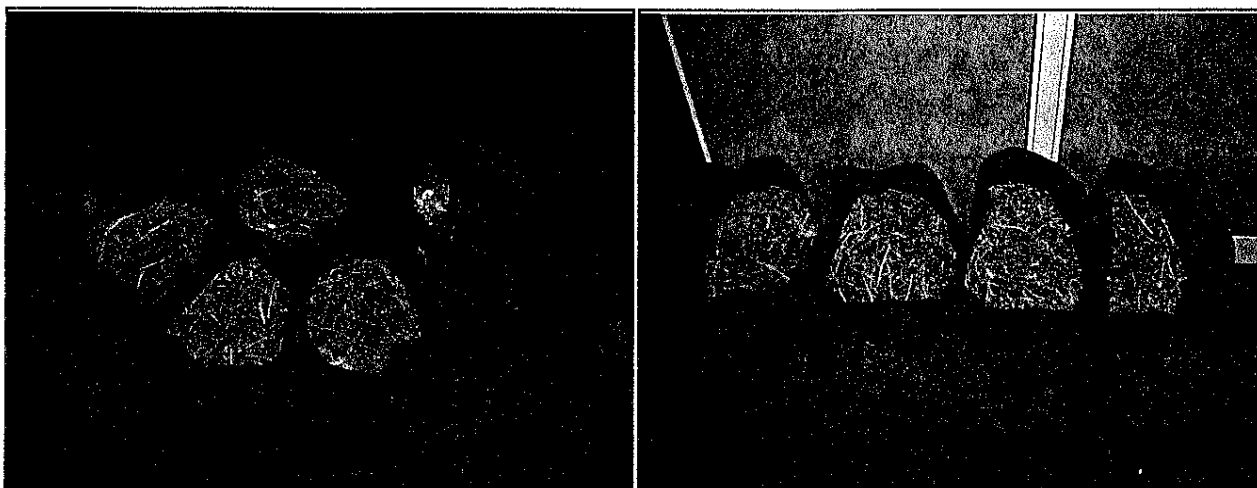
COMMUNITY PROBLEMS ASSESSMENT AND SUPPRESSION TEAM

Highlights for November 23, 2003 to December 31, 2003

County-Wide Team

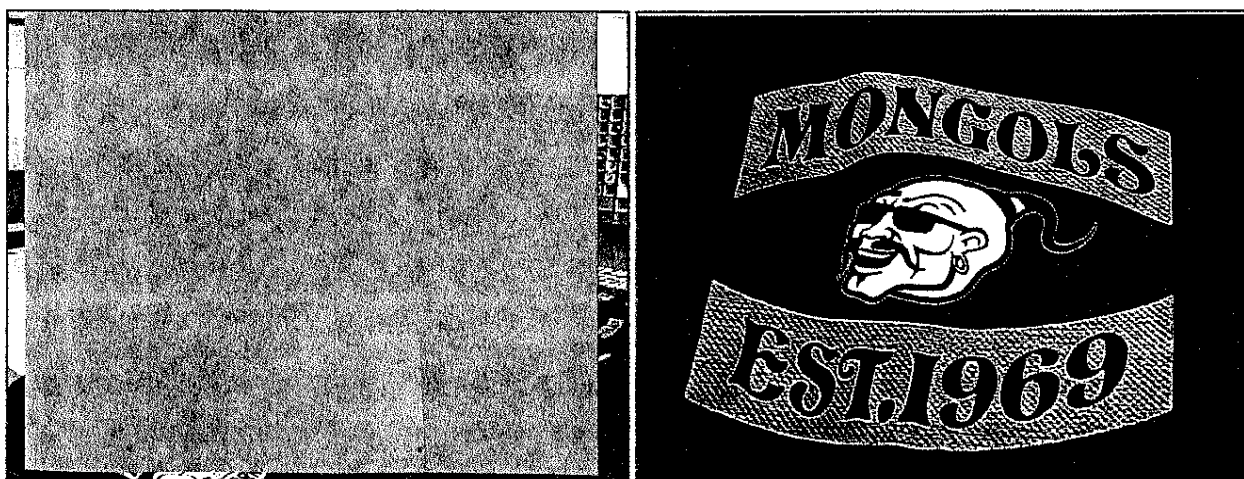
- During this time period, the County-Wide Team provided saturation patrol for the following stations: Lancaster, Palmdale, Temple, Altadena, Norwalk and West Hollywood, specifically "Universal Studios, City Walk."
- The County-Wide Team received media attention, while assigned to Lancaster and Palmdale Stations. The Antelope Valley Press, remarked on the positive impact the Countywide Team has made, by numerous arrests and the arrest of a wanted murder suspect.
- The County-Wide Team was assigned to Temple Station. While patrolling the South San Gabriel area, the team arrested three motorcycle gangster's belonging to the notorious gang named the "Mongol's." The team recovered one stolen vehicle, a pump action 30-06 rifle, a large quantity of methamphetamine and several pieces of Mongol paraphernalia.
- The County-Wide Team, while assigned to Norwalk Station, saturated the unincorporated area of Whittier. The deputies made six arrests; four for narcotics and two for weapons violations. All six suspects are known gang members.

NOTEWORTHY EVENTS



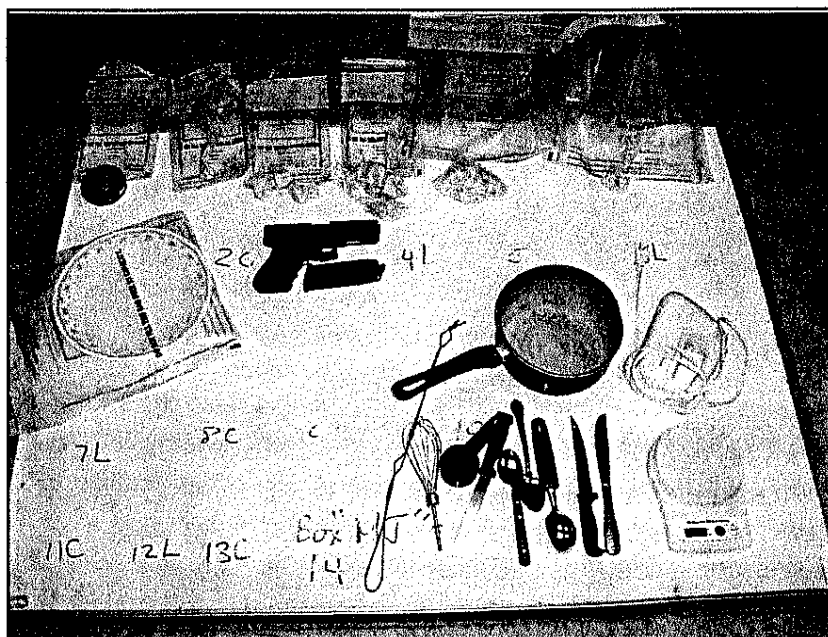
On December 3, 2003, Century Station Community Problems Assessment and Suppression Team seized approximately \$150,000.00 worth of marijuana, in the unincorporated area of Willowbrook. Deputies developed information that local gang members from Carver Park Crip's, were dealing drugs to local residents and school children in the area. Deputies responded to the area and recovered several shopping bags full of marijuana thus diminishing the gang's ability to further their criminal activity.

NOTEWORTHY EVENTS



On December 9, 2003, Temple Station, Community Problems Assessment and Suppression Team, served a search warrant in the unincorporated area of South San Gabriel. This seizure netted two male adults and one female adult all belonging to the notorious motorcycle gang known as, "Mongol's." Along with the three suspects arrested, a stolen vehicle was recovered, a large amount of methamphetamine, 30-06 rifle, and several items bearing the Mongol insignia.

NOTEWORTHY EVENTS



On December 9, 2003, Compton Station, Community Problems Assessment and Suppression Team, served a search warrant in the unincorporated area of East Rancho Dominguez, and seized a large quantity of rock cocaine, paraphernalia for manufacturing rock cocaine, and a stolen pistol. The suspect who was arrested at the location, belonged to the gang known as "Duckyhood Crip's."

Countywide COPS Operations Bureau



2003 Overview

In January 2003, the Board of Supervisors authorized the use of funds to establish and maintain a "Countywide" COPS team. The team is currently composed of two sergeants and eighteen deputies, each of whom has worked a station COPS team prior to this assignment. The areas serviced by the team are those within the unincorporated County. Their office is located within the Homeland Security Division's Operations Office at Biscailuz Center.

The abilities and accomplishments of the Countywide COPS team have developed into those which are very appealing and diverse. The team is primarily utilized as a saturation patrol tool. Stations have requested assistance when faced with rising violent crime rates and a need for a "pro-active" law enforcement response. In addition to a "zero tolerance" enforcement of law, the criminal abatement process is a tactic utilized by team members when seeking a long term solution for problem locations and/or persons that are pointed out by station personnel, or are encountered by the team members. Given the team members' expertise in the abatement process, as well as the deputies' important and significant relationships, previously established and maintained with other governmental agencies as well as local citizens, several instances of success have been realized.

The Countywide COPS team is assigned to the Department's "Tactical Response Force (TRF)." Because the team is assigned to the Office of Homeland Security Division, the emphasis of dealing with Terrorist or Weapons of Mass Destruction incidents has dovetailed nicely with the team's involvement. COPS team members have received training in relevant topics and have participated in various symposiums put on by other law enforcement agencies, as well as by the private sector.

Since its inception, the Countywide COPS team has deployed at Century, Compton, East Los Angeles, Palmdale, Lancaster, Lennox, Norwalk, Pico Rivera, Industry, Lost Hills, Altadena, Santa Clarita, Malibu and Temple Stations.

Attached is a brief list of highlights the Countywide COPS Team has accomplished over the last eleven months.

Highlights

February

- Our unit received a request asking for assistance in providing extra protection for the citizens in the Pico Rivera Station area. In this request, the Captain of Pico Station stated the Pico Rivera area was in the midst of an escalating gang war. Within a period of thirty hours, three gang-related homicides had occurred. The city fathers were in a panic, demanding extra protection. As a result of our response, and in the words of Captain Rodriguez, "Countywide COPS literally saved the day."
- Several commercial burglaries had been occurring on an ongoing basis in the Century Station area. One business in particular, "Kramer Metals," had been burglarized several days in succession and had lost thousands of dollars in equipment. Our team conducted a surveillance operation of "Kramer Metals" which resulted in the arrests of two suspects caught in the act of burglarizing the business. Both suspects were on active parole and looking at long prison sentences due to their criminal histories.

March

- The areas adjacent to the Valinda Corridor had seen an increase in homicides and other crimes related to increased gang activity during the year. The suspects involved in those crimes, often used the Valinda Corridor as a route to and from the crimes they were committing. In order to reduce gang activity and impact the rising crime rate, we gathered crime data and information from several sources including the station crime analyst, Detective Bureau and gang investigators from Operation Safe Streets. With this information in hand, we focused our efforts in the unincorporated areas of Valinda and Bassett that are adjacent to where the highest amount of criminal activity had occurred. This proactive interagency cooperation resulted in several arrests of "key" individuals responsible for the recent rise in crime.
- In the Whittier County area there had been a recent increase in gang activity, narcotics and auto theft. During the deployment, several arrests were made, several gang members were identified and surveillance was conducted at two reputed locations where several stolen cars had been stripped in recent weeks.

April

- During our deployment to Palmdale and Lancaster stations, eighteen felony and nineteen misdemeanor arrests were made, for a variety of charges. In one case, a parolee was apprehended for possessing eighty-one rocks of cocaine and was charged with possession of rock cocaine for sales. Additionally, team members arrested a burglary suspect on the Antelope Valley Freeway, who was in possession of two stolen firearms and several items recently taken in a residential burglary in Las Vegas.

- For years, Jarvis Street, south of El Segundo Boulevard, has long been a known location where sales of rock cocaine are commonplace. This location is across the street from a senior center, Supervisor Burke's field office and just a few houses away from a library and junior high school.

In an effort to combat this problem, we assisted Century Station Narcotics with a "Reverse Sting" operation, where undercover deputies sold "fake" rock cocaine to potential drug users. The operation was a success and resulted in twenty-two arrests.

To end the recidivism of this problem, the Countywide COPS team initiated a criminal abatement of the property. In July, the criminal abatement of the location concluded. The owner of the property sold the house to a speculation company who cooperated with our efforts to ensure the narcotic problem did not return. The property was completely remodeled and after careful screening new owners moved in. This property no longer poses a threat to the community.

May

- In response to a request from Supervisor Gloria Molina's office, the Countywide COPS team conducted a "Decoy and Bar Compliance Operation" in the East Los Angeles area. Officers from Alcohol Beverage Control (ABC) were also present during the operation. Undercover deputies went into several bars to identify any criminal activity and liquor law violations that were occurring. As a result of the operation, several citations were issued and one arrest for possession of cocaine was made.
- Supervisor Yvonne Brathwaite Burke's office received several complaints regarding illegal vendors. The Countywide COPS teams, along with Health Inspectors from the Los Angeles County Health Department's Vehicle Inspection Program (VIP) and the Department of Public Works Sanitation Detail, deployed to abate this problem. Several illegal vendors were issued citations and as a result, Health Department personnel confiscated food carts, equipment and perishable items due to the unhealthful and unsanitary conditions that existed. This deployment made a definite impact on the problem.
- Several deputies from the Countywide COPS team spent Memorial Day weekend at Pyramid Lake to lend assistance during the crowded summer kick off. With Pyramid Lake filled to capacity with campers and boaters, our presence definitely made a positive impact.

June

- The Countywide COPS team attended several meetings with members from the Chief Administrative Officer's Office (CAO) to unify the efforts of the many county departments currently involved in vending sweeps.
- A counterfeit merchandise operation was conducted in the Lennox station area. As a result, thousands of dollars of counterfeit merchandise were recovered and several arrests were made. This is an ongoing investigation that may lead to additional arrests and the recovery of more evidence.

- Several complaints were received from community members in Altadena regarding a neighborhood market/liquor store where the sales of illegal narcotics was taking place. The team conducted a surveillance of the location and arrested persons we observed buying illegal narcotics. The team ultimately wrote and served a search warrant at the market and recovered a stolen firearm and marijuana from the location.

July

- Due to the large amount of visitors to the Malibu area, Countywide COPS received a request to deploy at Topanga State Beach during the busy Fourth of July weekend. One significant concern was the high fire hazard this holiday poses to the area. During our deployment team members arrested a known and convicted arsonist who had just set a fire in the hills above Topanga State beach. The fire was quickly extinguished before it could harm any structures or citizens.
- In order to improve and strengthen ties within the community, COPS team members spent part of one day at the Dodger 5K run which was held in Dodger Stadium parking lot. Hundreds of underprivileged youth and community members participated in the run. The mobile command post was set up in the parking lot where Los Angeles County brochures and information were out to all the attendees.

August

- Countywide COPS team members attended several meetings with representatives from various county departments to address ongoing issues. In one of them, team members attended a meeting with representatives from Supervisorial District I regarding graffiti abatement. Team members also met with the Field Deputies from Supervisorial District II regarding nuisance abatement concerns.
- At the request of Compton Station, the Countywide COPS team provided saturation patrol and gang suppression to combat the rising gang activity which has plagued the area. There had recently been a sharp increase in violent assaults, murders and other gang-related crimes in the unincorporated areas. Several arrests were made, including several for possession of firearms and a decrease in gang-related assaults has occurred.
- At the request of Supervisor Molina's office, team members conducted a bar abatement operation in the Florence area of Century Station. Several complaints regarding criminal activity in and around bars in the area have been received from local residents. This criminal activity has caused the quality of life to diminish in the surrounding neighborhoods. The teams worked in partnership with several agencies including Business Licensing, Regional Planning, Building and Safety, the Health Department and the Internal Revenue Service. As a result of the operation, nineteen misdemeanor citations were issued and three felony arrests were made.

September

- While deployed to the unincorporated areas of Norwalk and Pico Rivera Stations, Countywide COPS made several arrests while conducting saturation patrols. This deployment has provided a positive influence in the community. Additionally, as a result of an arrest made during saturation patrol, team members conducted a follow-up investigation and surveillance. This culminated in the service of a search warrant in the Pico Rivera Station area. A large quantity of marijuana and a firearm were recovered from the location.
- At the request of Supervisor Molina's office, team members conducted a graffiti operation in the East LA area. Several complaints regarding graffiti activity have been received from local residents. The "taggers" have especially targeted the freeway overpasses, freeway sound walls and the surrounding neighborhoods. As a result of this operation, undercover deputies observed two juveniles tagging an overpass and sound wall on the Pomona Freeway. An arrest was made of the individual responsible for the graffiti and several other members of local tagging crews were identified during the operation.

October

- The Countywide COPS team was dedicated to Compton Station for the majority of the month, directing its resources in an effort to combat the extensive gang problem. The team worked in conjunction with the Compton Gang Enforcement Team to provide saturation patrol and gang suppression to decrease the rising gang activity which has plagued the area. The team's presence has had a positive impact during the month as no murders or gang related drive-by shootings occurred during the shifts team members were working in the Compton area.
- Several complaints were received by Supervisor Burke's Office from legitimate business owners regarding illegal vending in the Lennox Central area of Lennox Station and in the Firestone/Florence area of Century Station. The Countywide COPS team, along with Health Inspectors from the Los Angeles County Health Department's Vehicle Inspection Program (VIP), and the Department of Public Works Sanitation Detail conducted a sweep of the area for illegal street vendors. Nine illegal vendors were issued citations and as a result, Health Department personnel confiscated food carts, equipment and perishable items due to the unhealthful and unsanitary conditions which existed.

November

- The Countywide COPS teams conducted gang saturation and suppression patrol in the Compton, East Los Angeles, Altadena, Century, Industry and Temple City Station areas during the month. In an effort to identify new and active gang members, the team directed their efforts toward accumulating gang intelligence. Their exceptional work resulted in one-hundred and thirteen "Field Interview Reports" of suspected and known gang members. These reports were then forwarded to gang detectives from each respective station area.

- Several complaints were received by Supervisor Antonovich's Office from legitimate business owners and concerned citizens, regarding "day-laborers" vandalizing and creating a public nuisance in the unincorporated area of Pasadena. In support of this effort, team members met with representatives from several local businesses and conducted several operations in the unincorporated areas of Temple Station. Several arrests were made for various violations, as a result there have been no recent reports of vandalism.
- Team members attended a meeting with Ms. Lari Sheehan of the Chief Administrator's Office. The goal of this meeting and previous meetings is to formalize public nuisance enforcement activities by participating agencies, including the Sheriff's Department. A template representing the Los Angeles County Sheriff Department's responsibility when participating in nuisance abatement actions was presented to Mr. Paul Obney, the meeting facilitator.

December

- At the request of Supervisor Molina's Office, Countywide COPS Team members assisted East Los Angeles Station personnel in a "Bandit Taxi Cab" operation in the unincorporated areas of East LA. Several arrests were made of the operators of illegal bandit taxi cabs and all of their vehicles were impounded.
- Due to complaints received from legitimate business owners in the Florence Business District, Countywide COPS conducted a counterfeit merchandise operation on Florence Avenue in the unincorporated area of Century Station. As a result, several arrests were made and several thousand dollars worth of counterfeit merchandise was recovered.
- One request received by Countywide COPS was to investigate a gang hangout which has plagued and threatened the community of Altadena for decades. After a preliminary investigation and inspection of the location, we observed the property to be in a state of disrepair. We cited several "Pasadena Denver Lane" gang members for various violations. We contacted neighbors, who informed us gang members were constantly at the property selling narcotics and terrorizing their neighborhood. These neighbors complained that they were living in constant fear, a result of living near this house. We have opened a formal criminal abatement investigation at this location, which is ongoing.

COUNTYWIDE COPS 2003

TOTAL ARRESTS

In-Custody

Cite-out

Felony	346	0
Misdemeanor	236	605
Infraction	8	105
TOTAL	590	710

PUBLIC NUISANCE

Citations

Arrests

Loitering / Transients	19	5
Curfew	10	12
Graffiti	6	11
Drinking in Public	109	85
Yard Cars	0	0
Unlawful Sale of Vehicles	0	0
Truancy	0	0
Property Use Violations	32	32
Lewd Conduct	16	14
Prostitution	0	0
Gambling	0	19
Miscellaneous Public Nuisance	16	29
TOTAL	208	207

OTHER

Graffiti Abatement	7
Vehicles Towed	350
Recovered Stolen Vehicles	37
Search Warrants	14
Property Abatements	56
Community Meetings	24
Field Interview Records	489

TRAFFIC

	Citations	Arrests
Parking violations	29	0
Moving Violations	1,430	461
TOTAL	1,459	461